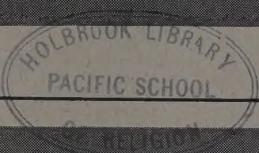
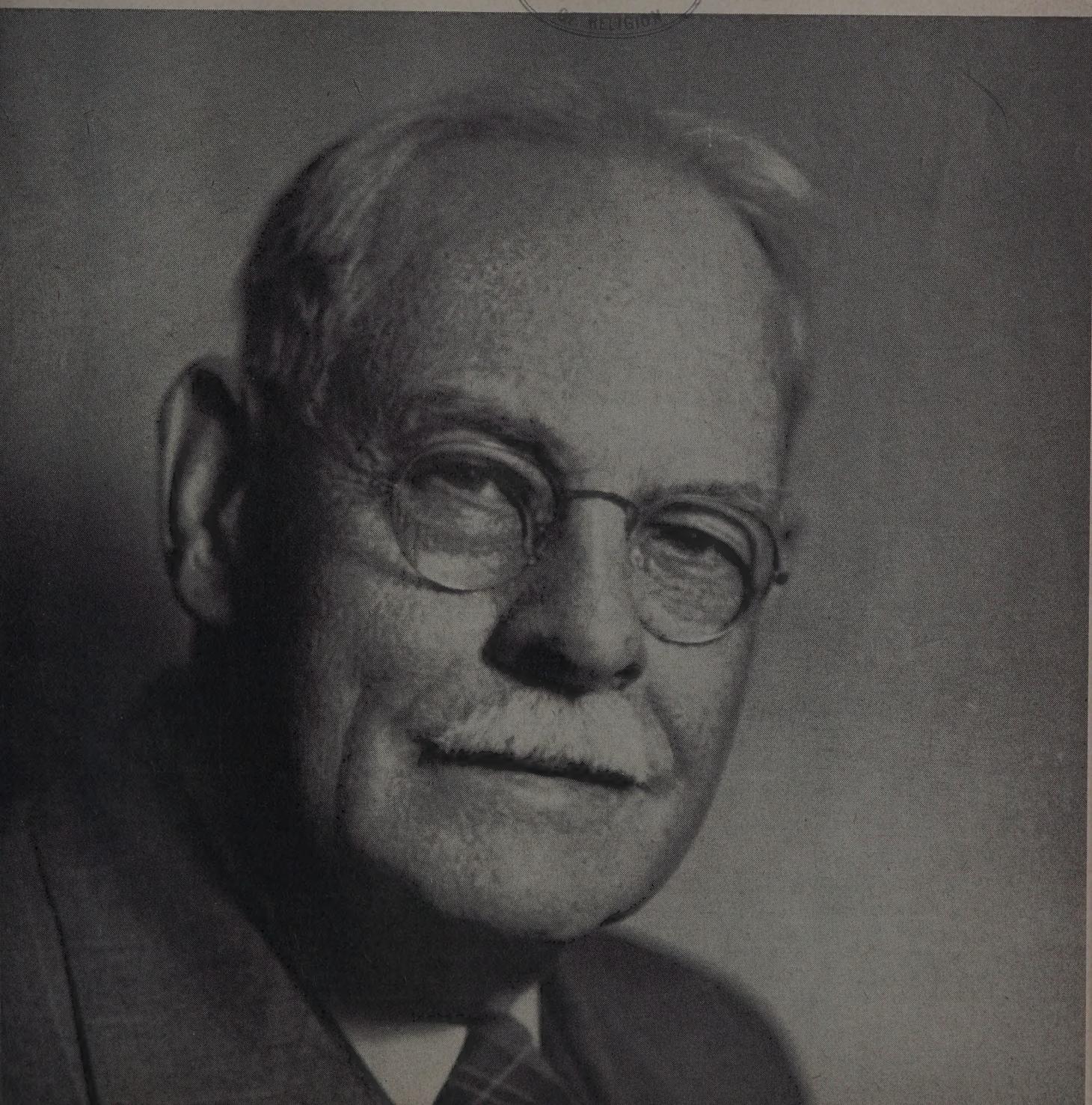


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National Convocation on the Church in Town and Country

Columbia, Mo., November 7-9

National Council of Churches, Planning Committee

New York, N. Y., November 9

Evangelical United Brethren Church

Dayton, Ohio, November 10-20

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Cincinnati, Ohio, November 13-16

Home Missions Council, Annual Meeting

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Federal Council of Churches, Biennial Meeting

Cleveland, Ohio, November 27, 28

National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. Constituting Convention, Cleveland, Ohio

November 28-December 1

American Bible Society, Advisory Council

New York, N. Y., December 6

World Council of Churches, Conference of U.S.A. Member-Churches

New York, N. Y., December 8

Federal Council of Churches, Department of Evangelism

New York, N. Y., December 8

Friends of the World Council of Churches

New York, N. Y., December 12

Presbyterian World Alliance, Western Section

Buck Hill Falls, Pa., February 13-15, 1951

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Dr. H. Paul Douglass has contributed much to the scientific study of the Church in America, a field in which he pioneered. As he nears his 80th birthday he is about to retire as director of the Committee for Cooperative Field Research. (See Page 7)

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The Editorial Outlook

THE KEY TO JAPAN'S FUTURE

JAPAN has been trying to redirect the policies and procedures of her national life into democratic ways. The outcome of her effort will have far-reaching consequences for all of Asia, in fact for the whole world, including ourselves.

We Americans know, from long experience and from a knowledge of the relation between our religious heritage and our institutions of freedom, that democracy is not only a matter of forms of government but also a matter of basic convictions. The institutions of democracy are insecure unless the citizens have a basic belief about the dignity of man as a child of God.

We are convinced that the roots of the disciplines essential to democracy are found in religious faith, notably in the Protestant Christian faith. Insofar as American influence in Japan is concerned, we would not only be untrue to our national history but also misleading to the Japanese people if we permitted them to believe that they can achieve vital democracy without a religious faith to support it.

In our American traditions it is not the responsibility of the government to help the Japanese people to understand the spiritual foundations of democracy. It is the task of our churches, supported by all people of goodwill and insight who see the issue.

These are among the considerations that make the Japan International Christian University such a significant undertaking and indicate the urgency of its \$10,000,000 campaign which is now in progress. Japan's paramount need is for enlightened leaders such as only a Christian university can produce. Many Japanese recognize this need. Indeed, the idea of such a university as ICU has been so generally accepted that its very name has become a symbol of America's concern for Japan's well being.

The building of a comprehensive university which will serve the needs of Japan and the Far East is a project which no individual Christian denomination can undertake alone. Neither in the matter of the personnel required nor in the amount of money entailed can any single de-

nomination build and maintain for Japan a university of such high standards as will be required if it is to command itself. The success of this effort to raise funds thus becomes a test as to whether or not Protestant Christianity in the United States and Canada can, through cooperative effort, create an institution of such quality that it will command the respect of professional, business, cultural and religious leaders throughout the world.

Through the Allied Occupation which we control, Americans have dictated—or at least largely influenced—the terms of Japan's economic, social and intellectual rehabilitation. Our responsibility is grave. The Christian churches of the United States and Canada have a great stake. General MacArthur has put it this way: "The Christian Church has an opportunity in Japan without precedent anywhere or at any time in the past five hundred years."

Each of our denominations has special projects in Japan which it is essential that we nourish and support; but above and beyond these we have this interdenominational responsibility for the building of the International Christian University.

For fully fifty years Christian leaders in ecumenical gatherings have talked and planned and worked together in the interest of a Christian university in Japan. The idea of such a university, which would be created by Protestantism irrespective of sectarian divisions and differences, has caught the imagination and fired the enthusiasm of the people of Japan. So much has this idea intrigued the Japanese that, even before any fund-raising effort began in this country, they engaged in an organized effort which has resulted in the raising of one hundred and sixty million yen, almost \$430,000, among the Japanese people. Of this amount more than 95 per cent came from non-Christians.

Thus it is that church men and women over the country are being called on this autumn to give of their time and their effort and their money to the furtherance of this project. In view of its strategic significance, as well as of our continuing responsibility to proclaim the Gospel, its urgency can hardly be exaggerated.

WILL THE POPE NOW BE CALLED "SUBVERSIVE"?

IT WILL be interesting to see what charges of subversive radicalism will be brought against Pope Pius for his recent criticism of capitalism.

After denouncing those who "have shown themselves timid and confused before the iniquity of communism" and recalling the decree excommunicating militant communists from the Roman Church, he went on to say (*The New York Times*, September 26, 1950):

"Some show themselves no less timid and uncertain in the face of that economic system which is known as capitalism and of which the church has not failed to denounce the grave consequences.

The church, in fact, has pointed out not only the abuses of capitalism and of the rights of property, which such a system promotes and defends, but has also taught that capital and property must be instruments of production for the advantage of all society and a means of supporting and defending liberty and the dignity of the human person.

"The errors of the two economic systems, and the damaging consequences which arise from them, must convince all, particularly priests, to remain faithful to the social doctrine of the church and to spread knowledge of its practical application."

There seems to be agreement among Christians that the churches should not identify any particular economic system with the Kingdom of God. On the contrary, existing systems must be kept under judgment in relation to the requirements of Christian standards. This does not mean that the churches should regard all systems as being equal in merit. There can be no question but that the judgment against communism must in our day be much more severe than the judgment against capitalism.

HOW ONE LOBBY WORKS

CITIZENS in a democracy should understand how pressure groups function to influence legislation and public opinion. Lobbying is not necessarily insidious. It may be quite wholesome in relation to a representative government such as ours. Surely it is inevitable in some form or other.

It is important that the people know that it exists and how it operates. Therefore the published hearings before The Select Committee on Lobbying Activities of the House of Represen-

tatives, 81st Congress, Second Session, provide instructive reading. Part 5 of these hearings deals with the activities of the Committee for Constitutional Government as revealed in hearings June 27, 28, 29, and August 25, 1950.

It is suggested that clergymen especially, and also others, ask their congressmen to obtain copies of this publication for them. It is of especial interest to clergymen because it reveals how this particular lobby group has compiled a list of clergymen and raised money to provide the costs of mailing them materials.

The headings reveal how influences are brought to bear directly upon congressmen and senators, how propaganda material is introduced into the *Congressional Record* and then distributed under government frank, how funds are raised to support the lobby by mail appeals and by field agents working on a commission basis, and how some agencies, contributions to which are deductible on income tax returns, are related to a lobbying group, the contributions to which are not deductible.

Another interesting feature of the hearings is the description of the process by which "grass roots" movements are stimulated and initiated by a national agency.

Of particular interest to some church leaders will be the revelation of how the book "The Road Ahead" by John T. Flynn was distributed. The Committee for Constitutional Government, which has spent upwards of two million dollars since the present legislation with regard to lobbying was adopted, circulated 700,000 copies of the book. The published correspondence reveals one approach of the Committee for Constitutional Government to a man "urging him to finance the distribution of 100,000 copies of 'The Road Ahead' to clergymen and educators," and naming the special price of 30 cents per copy.

The Committee revealed that it had a mailing list of 161 leading Roman Catholic clergy and 51,973 Protestant clergy. The spokesman of the Committee said that he sent to the clergy list "anything that we think will be of interest to them." He also said, "We get back a little of our cost by renting the list out." He refused to reveal the names of the people who bought "The Road Ahead" in quantity for distribution.

By citing this part of the hearings, which is the only section which we have before us at this writing, we do not mean to single out the Committee for Constitutional Government for special attention in criticism. Other sections of the hearings deal with other organizations, including agricultural and labor groups, and should also be studied.

Christian Life And Work

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES WILL "EXTEND" WORK OF F.C.C.

By ROSWELL P. BARNES

A BIT of sadness mingles with joy in the hearts of parents at the weddings of their children. It is not that they do not want their children to marry. Quite to the contrary, they would not have it otherwise. They know that marriage is essential to fulfilment of many hopes. Nevertheless, a period of life is closing. There is a sense of impending loss. The tears that sometimes come are embarrassing,—it is feared that they may be misinterpreted as tokens of regret. They do not indicate real sadness. They prove nothing but the existence of affection.

The occasion of the merger of the Federal Council, along with seven other agencies, in the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America is somewhat analogous to a wedding as far as emotions are concerned. We would not have it otherwise. We are not really sad. And yet, there is a tight swelling in the throat. We trust that a few uncontrollable tears will not be misinterpreted.

Reason tells us that the National Council is essential for the achievement of the purposes for which the Federal Council has stood in principle. The needs of the churches should be better met by one agency with co-ordinated units than by eight separate agencies.

SO THE Federal Council is proud and happy that the National Council can gather up whatever of value it finds in the experience and achievement of the Federal Council at the end of its forty-two years of existence.

All of the present work of the Federal Council will be continued and extended in some phase of the National Council's program. But the Federal Council itself will lose its identity. It does not become the National Council nor a division nor a department in it. The National Council will be a new organization, constituted by the member denominations and completely under their control. In this respect it will be the same kind of organization as the Federal Council has been.

The Federal Council's general function in representation of the interests of the constituent churches themselves will be assumed by the National Council in its plenary capacity.

Many of the specialized program functions through which the churches have worked together in the Federal Council will be carried over into the Division of Christian Life and Work of the National Council. That division will be one of the four principal units of program operation within the National Council, the other three being the Division of Christian Education, the Division of Foreign Missions, and the Division of Home Missions.

EACH division will have substantial autonomy exercised within the general understanding (according to the Constitution) that "no Division, without specific authorization, shall take actions which impinge upon functions of the Council itself." The Council itself will have "the general oversight and coordination of the whole field of work of the Council and of its Divisions and other units." But "each Division shall have the primary responsibility . . . for developing the basic philosophy and the requisite programs and procedures within its assigned field."

Within the Division of Christian Life and Work will be six departments which will continue and extend the work of corresponding units of the Federal Council. These departments will be—

International Justice and Goodwill
Pastoral Services
Race Relations
Social Welfare
The Church and Economic Life
Worship and the Fine Arts

Four of these departments will continue the same function under the same names as have characterized them in the Federal Council. In two instances there are modifications: What has been the Department of Christian Social Relations in the Federal Council will become the Department of Social Welfare, with a greater concentration of function in the field indicated by its new name. The Commission on Worship of the Fed-

eral Council will be expanded in scope and function in the new Department of Worship and the Fine Arts.

SOME of the specialized program and service functions of the Federal Council will be assigned to central departments related to the general administration of the National Council, where they will be combined with similar work of the other merging agencies. This applies to Field Administration, Research and Education, and Public Relations.

The FEDERAL COUNCIL BULLETIN will be superseded by a publication in the interest of the total program of the new Council and all its units, continuing to give news of the whole ecumenical movement.

Two commissions of the Federal Council, the Commission on Marriage and the Home and the Commission on the Ministry, will be absorbed in joint departments administratively related to the Division of Christian Education,—the Joint Department of Family Life, and the Joint Department of Christian Life Service, respectively.

The Federal Council's Department of Evangelism will be continued and extended as the Joint Department of Evangelism, administratively related to the Division of Christian Life and Work.

Joint departments in the National Council will be those related functionally to more than one of the four divisions. Each joint department will be related administratively to one of the divisions. The joint departments that will be administratively related to the Division of Christian Life and Work include Evangelism, Religious Liberty and Stewardship.

IN DESCRIBING what will happen to present Federal Council departments when they are taken over by the National Council, we have said that they will be "continued and extended" in the new units. This is an expression which appears in the by-laws of many of the new units. The meaning of "continued" is fairly clear; but the meaning of "extended" requires comment.

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The Final Biennial Meeting

CHURCH LEADERS WILL MARK END OF 42-YEAR FELLOWSHIP

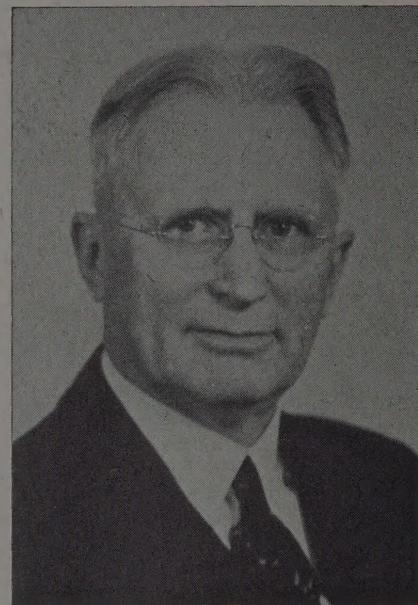
AN outstanding feature of the last biennial meeting of the Federal Council of Churches prior to the constituting of the new National Council will be the "fellowship dinner" on the evening of November 27, at the Hotel Statler in Cleveland.

On that occasion the members of the council will look back over the 42 years of the council's service to the church. The toastmistress will be Mrs. Douglas Horton, vice-president of the council.

The main center of interest on the morning of November 27 will be a report of the ways in which the Federal Council's program will be carried on in the future by the National Council, which is being brought into existence by the uniting of the Federal Council with seven other inter-denominational agencies.

In the afternoon, Rt. Rev. Angus Dun, chairman of the commission on the use of the atomic bomb and other weapons of mass destruction, will present its report. The commission has been at work for several months. Dr. Roswell P. Barnes, associate general secretary of the council, and Mr. Charles H. Tuttle, legal counsel, will submit a report and make recommendations concerning the legal status of the Federal Council after the National Council comes into being.

The theme of the fellowship dinner on the evening of November 27 will be "Across the Years in Pioneering Service (1908-1950)." Professor E. G. Homrichausen of Princeton Theological Seminary will summarize the contributions of the council to evangelism and the growth of the church; Rev. Otis R. Rice, chaplain of St. Luke's Hospital, New York, the contributions in the field of pastoral services; Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, minister of Christ Church, New York, the contributions to religious broadcasting. The Federal Council's pioneer work in the field of research and education will be discussed by Dr. Justin W. Nixon of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School; in local interchurch cooperation, by Dr. Hugh C. Burr, of the Federation of Churches of Rochester and Vicinity, and in race rela-



BISHOP JOHN S. STAMM

tions, by Dr. Channing H. Tobias, Director of the Phelps-Stokes Fund. Rt. Rev. Charles K. Gilbert, retiring Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of New York, will deal with the historic contributions of the Federal Council in the field of social relations, and Honorable John Foster Dulles, in international relations.

At the dinner there will also be a presentation of a testimonial to Mr. Dulles in recognition of his service to the church in international affairs.

On the morning of November 28, in addition to recommendations from departments, there will be two addresses on the Federal Council in relation to the ecumenical movement—from the perspective of the local community, by Dr. J. Quinter Miller, associate general secretary of the council, and from the perspective of the world-wide Christian community, by Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, general secretary of the World Council of Churches.

The program on the afternoon of the 28th will consist of a formal transfer of the responsibilities of the Federal Council to the National Council and three addresses on the theme "Christian Unity in Retrospect and Prospect." Christian unity from

the layman's point of view will be discussed by Honorable Charles P. Taft, a former president of the council; Christian unity from the laywoman's point of view, by Mrs. Henry Sloane Coffin, former chairman of the Women's Cooperating Commission, and Christian unity from the clergyman's viewpoint, by Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis.

The service of worship on Tuesday morning, November 28, will be conducted by Dr. Gordon A. Sisco, general secretary of the United Church of Canada. The closing service of worship and thanksgiving on Tuesday afternoon will be led by the president of the council, Bishop John S. Stamm.

Film "Again—Pioneers" Portrays Migrant Americans

The fact that 70 million Americans have changed residence within the past ten years has seriously affected the churches. Church pastors have found in the shuffle that millions never find new church homes and many feel unwanted in their new communities—even by the church itself.

"Again—Pioneers," a religious feature film dramatically portraying this situation, will have a simultaneous premiere in 100 cities on November sixth.

The picture was produced by the Protestant Film Commission at the request of the Home Missions Council. Its cost was underwritten by the mission boards of 14 major denominations.

It shows the efforts of leading citizens in an average American town to rid the community of a group of migrants settled in shacks on the outskirts. A home missionary field worker helps the citizens to see the needs of their neighbors and the task of the church in relation to the underprivileged.

The film runs about 65 minutes and is being released through the Religious Film Association to denominational and community film libraries throughout the country.

Churches Campaign For Chicago Law Enforcement

As the Senate crime investigating committee was holding hearings in Chicago, the administrative committee of the Church Federation of Greater Chicago launched a campaign to take politics out of all law-enforcing agencies. The statement of the federation, which embraces 1,250 churches, said:

"The long-range objective of the community should be to divorce all offices associated with law enforcement from party and partisan politics.

"As a first step we propose a civic screening committee be created for assistance in selecting the chief of highway police and others of the Cook County sheriff's police force."

Since the statement was issued, several Chicago pastors have publicly reinforced the call of the church federation; Rev. George A. Fowler, St. James Methodist Church, president of the federation; Rev. Blair S. Latschaw, Epworth Methodist Church; Rev. A. R. Kretzmann, Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. Luke, and Rev. Harrison Ray Anderson, Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Irvin E. Deer, administrative assistant of the federation, speaking at the Epworth Methodist Church, said:

"The church federation has suggested the appointment of an advisory committee to assist in screening appointees to places of importance in the law-enforcement agencies through which the solid support of good citizens, regardless of party affiliation, might be extended to all officials who refuse to bow to the terrific pressure of those who seek special privileges or protection in illegal activities.

"The churches should build their program on such constructive policies as those suggested by the church federation and then carry on unremittingly through years to make the program effective."

ATTENDANCE DOUBLES

The St. Louis Federation of Churches reports that attendance at its weekday after-school classes in religious education has nearly doubled over last year. The opening day saw an enrolment of 1,420 this year, as compared with 822 last year. The classes include children from kindergarten to the sixth grade.

Honor Dr. Douglass As Pioneer In Scientific Study of Church

Dr. H. Paul Douglass, whom an editorial in the *Christian Century* describes as "a genius in religious research," is about to retire as he nears his eightieth birthday.

An appreciative resolution of the Committee for Cooperative Field Research, of which he is director, says:

"When the war emergencies of the early 1940's became acute in many communities, Dr. Douglass brought the rare sociological skills and the experience of community analysis, with which he is so ably endowed, to bear upon these problems. The data gathered and the actions taken thereon helped establish confidence in the work to be undertaken by the committee. Indeed this pioneering service was the incentive which led to the committee's organization.

"Throughout the decade Dr. Douglass has nurtured a fellowship of research leaders which contributed immeasurably to the success of this endeavor. Communions and boards gave more substantial and sustained support. New departments were organized with staff personnel by a number of communions and councils of churches and the place of field-oriented research came to be recognized as an essential aid to leaders confronted with administrative decisions in the field of church extension and adjustment.

"Special note is here made of the rare qualities of theological knowledge, spiritual insight and warm-hearted sympathy and understanding which Dr. Douglass has brought in behalf of this entire endeavor. His deep devotion, his indefatigable labor and his ever present good humor have endeared him to us for all time."

The *Christian Century* for October 11 says of Dr. Douglass:

"No man has contributed more to the scientific study of the church in America. As director of the Institute of Social and Religious Research, Dr. Douglass became convinced that the success or failure of any church is determined largely by its knowledge of the community it serves. When the depression brought an end to the Rockefeller grant which supported the institute, Paul Douglass continued his work through various *ad hoc* groups before joining the staff of the Federal Council of Churches in 1937.

Successively he has served the council as secretary of its commission to study Christian unity, as chairman of its research department and as director of cooperative field research. In this latest capacity, Dr. Douglass developed to a high degree of accuracy what he has called 'the reconnaissance study.' When churches wanted facts about their community, he would meet with their leaders, plan a study, collect data and in a few months give them a cross-section view of Protestantism in their area. From then on it was up to the community to decide what to do with the study. Dr. Douglass was already somewhere else making another survey. This procedure has not been without its critics, particularly among those who prefer the longer and costlier technique of community self-analysis where local leaders make the study under expert guidance. There may be room for some synthesis of the two methods in the new National Council agency. But the Protestant church will be the poorer if such a synthesis should result in the loss of the quick, cross-sectional view produced by the reconnaissance study. We hope that the new agency will have the benefit of the wise counsel of this genius in religious research for many years to come."

Present projects of the Committee for Cooperative Field Research include studies of West Virginia coal-mining communities; Wilmington, Delaware; selected Pennsylvania counties; Columbia Basin of Washington, and Churches of urban Rhode Island.

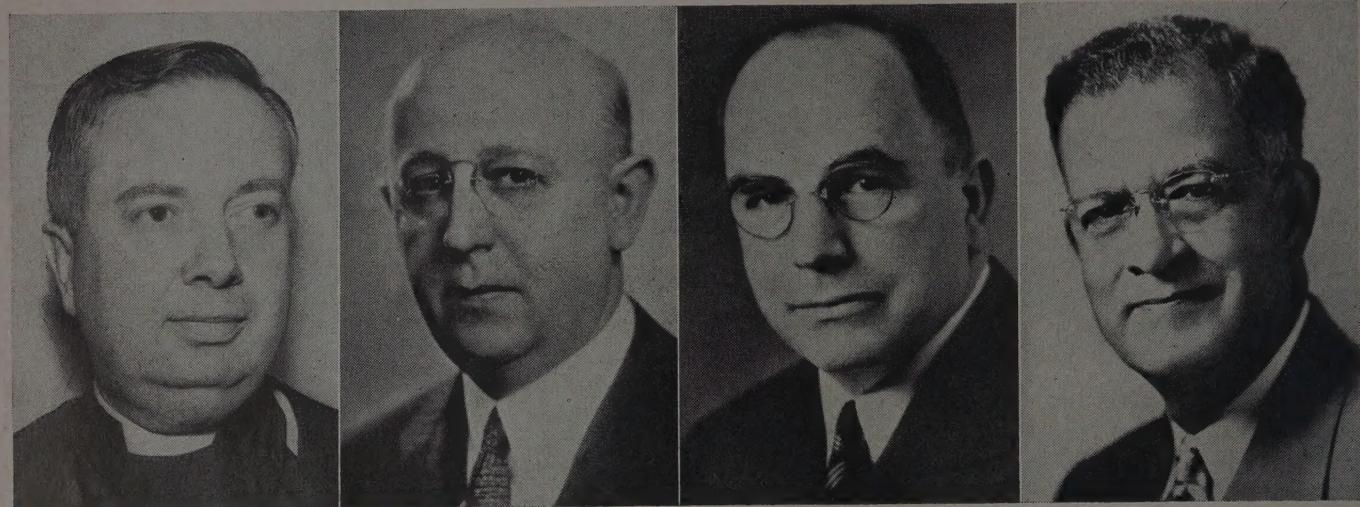
Provision for the continuance of the work of the Committee for Cooperative Field Research will be made under the Central Department of Research and Survey in the new National Council.

MANLEY RESIGNS

Rev. Felix A. Manley, who has been executive secretary of the Pasadena Council of Churches since it was started five and a half years ago, on

August 1 became associate minister of the Claremont Community Church, Claremont, Calif. His successor has not yet been chosen.

DR. FRANKLIN CLARK FRY, President, United Lutheran Church in America; DR. L. W. GOEBEL, Moderator, General Snyod, Evangelical and Reformed Church; BISHOP G. BROMLEY OXNAM, Bishop of the New York Area of the Methodist Church; REV. MARVIN O. SANSBURY, President, International Convention of Disciples of Christ. They are among the church leaders who will preside at various sessions of the convention.



THE CONSTITUTING CONVENTION

"This Nation under God" Is Theme of Historic Meeting

A GREAT moment in the history of American churches is set for Wednesday morning, November 29, 1950.

At that time the years-long dream of a single cooperative agency of the churches in advancing Christ's Kingdom at home and abroad will be brought to fruition. Nine long years of planning by a committee headed by Dean Luther A. Weigle will come to an end as the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America is formally constituted.

Twenty-nine great churches — 25 Protestant and four Eastern Orthodox—will take the final action necessary to assure the beginning of corporate life of the National Council of Churches of Christ Jan. 1, 1951. On that date the National Council, as a single instrument of these churches, will carry on the many programs and activities of the Federal Council of Churches, and ten other interdenominational agencies. Originally eight agencies formed the planning committee and framed the constitution. To this number have been added Church World Service, the Protestant Radio Commission and the Protestant Film Commission.

It will be a time to remember as the Council is constituted at the first business session of the four-day convention. The scene will be the great arena of Cleveland's block-long Public Auditorium where many historic meetings have been held. On the main floor, behind placards denoting their church affiliation will be the delegations—men and women, clergy and laity—officially representing the constituting communions.

Nearby will be seated the secular and religious press and consultants and alternates will fill the rest of the main floor seats. In the balcony that rims the hall unbroken like a great horseshoe will be the thousands of visiting delegates, clergy and laity, from Cleveland and from churches all over America.

FOR this inspiring moment all have come. In the chair, will be Dr. Franklin Clark Fry of New York, president of the United Lutheran Church in America. Lutheranism, through the United Lutheran, Augustana Lutheran and Danish Evangelical Lutheran, in the National Council comes for the first time in the history of American Lutheranism into full membership in the cooperative movement.

At Dr. Fry's signal, according to present plans, a delegate chosen by each of the 29 communions, together with representatives of the merging agencies, and representatives of the cooperating groups—state councils of churches and churchwomen, will join in a procession. On the stage, as the roll of the denominations is called, delegates will affix their names to official documents as the final act of constituting the Council. As this is concluded they, in unison, will dedicate the Council "to the glory of God and the service of mankind." Then will follow, with representatives of the merging agencies participating, the consecration of the National Council to the tasks carried on for many years in separate ways. The Doxology, a prayer and a hymn in which both delegates and visitors will join, will conclude the service.

The act of constituting the National Council is only one of many highlights of the convention disclosed by the tentative program made public by the Committee on Program and Procedures headed by Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, general secretary of the Federal Council.

The convention will open and close with religious services. Delegates will come together in the Auditorium for

the first time Tuesday night for a service of thanksgiving and will hear a sermon by Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, minister of Christ (Methodist) Church of New York, and one of the best known radio speakers in America. The plenary sessions will be held each morning. In the afternoon, while divisions, departments and other units of the Council are holding business sessions, visiting delegates will listen to Christian leaders discuss various concerns of Christianity related to the convention theme, "This Nation Under God."

Public meetings will be held Wednesday and Thursday nights. Weeks ago President Truman was invited by a delegation to address the convention Wednesday night. He deferred a decision until the national emergency became less critical. In the event he cannot accept the invitation the Committee has announced that his place will be taken by the Secretary of State, Dean Acheson.

On Thursday evening the delegates will turn their attention to the church in the world with Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, of Geneva, Switzerland, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, as the principal speaker. There is a possibility that greetings may be brought to the delegates via radio from Christian leaders in Europe, Asia and North America.

PARTICIPANTS in the opening services of worship and thanksgiving on Tuesday evening, Nov. 28, will include Bishop John A. Gregg, senior bishop, African Methodist Episcopal Church; Dr. Vere V. Loper, moderator, General Council, Congregational Christian Churches; President Benjamin R. Lacy, Jr. moderator, General Assembly, Presbyterian Church in the U. S.; and the Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, presiding bishop, Protestant Episcopal Church.

The initial meetings of the four divisions of the National Council will take place on Wednesday morning. At the same time, the visiting delegates' session will hear talks on "Our Educational Task"; "Religious Education—Foundation of the National Life," Professor Nevin C. Harner, Theological Seminary of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa.; "The Christian College and the National Life," President Howard F. Lowry, College of Wooster; "Christian Youth and the Nation," John



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Planning for the National Council. Leaders display plan of Cleveland Auditorium where the Constituting Convention of the merged organization will be held. Dr. Earl F. Adams, executive secretary of the Planning Committee, (seated) and Dr. J. Quinter Miller (standing) are shown holding the plan. At Dr. Adams' left is Dr. Hermann N. Morse, secretary of the committee. Next to the two women on the right are (left to right) Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield, administrative secretary; Dr. Roswell P. Barnes, associate general secretary of the Federal Council, and Dr. Franklin D. Cogswell, general secretary of the Missionary Education Movement.

Deschner, executive secretary, United Student Christian Council; "The Nation's Dependence on the Local Church," Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, minister of Delmar Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo. Mrs. Clifford Heinz will preside.

Following the plenary business session on Thursday morning, to be presided over by Bishop G. Bromley

Oxnam of the Methodist Church, when the Constitution will be acted on, the voting delegates will hold initial meetings of the general departments and joint departments of the Council in the afternoon. The visiting delegates' general session Thursday afternoon will consider the topic "Our Missionary Responsibility." Speakers and their topics will be: "The Church in the Nation," Dr. Hermann N. Morse, general secretary, Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.; "The Church in the World," Miss Sarah Chakko, president, Isabella Thoburn College, India, and secretary, the World Council's Commission on the Life and Work of Women in the Church; "Our Missionary Responsibility in the Nation and the World," Dr. A. D. Stauffacher, executive secretary, Missions Council of the Congregational Christian Churches; and "All Nations Under God," Toyohiko Kagawa, of Japan.

Dr. L. W. Goebel, president, Evangelical and Reformed Church, will preside Friday morning at the business session of the general assembly, to be followed by initial meetings of

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Editor Evaluates Church Study of Economic Life

(The three-year study of economic life from the standpoint of Christian principles, launched last spring by the Federal Council's Department of the Church and Economic Life under the chairmanship of Charles P. Taft, has attracted widespread interest. Under the heading "Christian Ethics Study Huge Task" the New York World-Telegram and Sun published an article on October 14 written by its religion editor, Miss Alice Moldenhawer, daughter of the late minister of New York's First Presbyterian Church. This expression of the views of a thoughtful, sympathetic lay-observer of the Church will be of interest, we believe, to readers of the BULLETIN. The views are of course, her own, and do not necessarily reflect our opinion.

—EDITOR.)

It was announced a few days ago that the three-year study sponsored by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America on the relation of Christian ethics to economic life is now "organized and under way."

This is good news. The project is an interesting one, and for a number of reasons.

In the first place, it challenges a tiresome old cliche about the church staying in its own backyard.

In 1942 William Temple, then Archbishop of Canterbury, wrote: "The claim of the Christian Church to make its voice heard in matters of politics and economics is very widely resented, even by those who are Christian in personal belief and devotional practice. It is commonly assumed that religion is one department of life, like art or science, and that it is playing the part of a busybody when it lays down principles for the guidance of other departments."

In sponsoring this study the churches are deliberately and unashamedly assuming the role of busybodies, and are seeing to it that whatever else may be said of them, they cannot be accused of being ignorant busybodies.



THE FIRST POSTER of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. is off the press. One of a series planned by the National Council, the poster is being displayed on church bulletin boards and in councils of churches.

It is interesting secondly because it deals with two controversial subjects, either one of which is sufficient to raise the common man's blood pressure several jogs, if he has to defend his view of it. While on general ethical principles naturalist and theist usually agree, the grounds for our ethical systems are in dispute, and there is no agreement among economists or other people as to what constitutes the most desirable economic system.

And finally it is interesting because it is not an inquiry simply into how people work, what they earn and what they do with their money. Via questionnaire, the study committee is also probing into what people think about what they do with their money. Frankly, how important is material success to you, and why?

Thinking Economically

There is no avoiding the fact that people are living and thinking economically during all their waking hours. A man's economic life involves his whole being. The council therefore could devise no smarter way of finding out what we are really like than by examining what lies behind our getting and spending.

It should be pointed out that the purpose of the study is not to give anyone a rule of thumb. It is simply to gather facts and opinions and to interpret them as objectively as possible.

The task of interpreting the material will be colossal, and the task of reducing it somehow to capsule size and putting it into the vernacular so it can

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Church Council Holds Religion And Education are Inseparable

"We must resist any tendency to have the schools display a lofty neutrality between religion and non-religion alike as if there were nothing to choose between the two philosophies of life."

This declaration is made in a statement issued by the Philadelphia Council of Churches after a special committee of its department of Christian education had spent nearly a year studying the relation of religion to public education.

The statement of the council reads in part as follows:

"The historical relationship between religion and public education and between church and state in America has been very close. It has well been described as 'benevolent separation' involving 'effective co-operation.'

"In accord with this tradition and in the light of the present crisis in this relationship, we record the following basic convictions. We hold to separation of church and state; we do not hold to a separation of religion and education. Rather, we believe that these two are inseparably related and that any attempt to separate them does violence to both.

"1. We believe that education is weakened and its usefulness impaired to the extent that it is separated from the disciplines and insights of religious faith. Whatever other religions underlie other national cultures, the Christian faith underlies the history and philosophy of American life and of its public education. Were we to depart from this foundation, all our democratic institutions and practices, including our public school system, would be imperiled. We acknowledge the insights of our forefathers and some contemporary religious groups who have provided for the frank and generous inclusion of religious materials in curricula, of the religious spirit in teaching, and of religious music, art and architecture as teaching media.

"2. We believe that religion is seriously weakened if it is not intimately related to general education. There are three basic institutions of education—the family, the school, and the

church. Each has a different role to play and each has its important contribution to make to the total educational experience of the child. If any one institution omits religion, its effective inculcation is endangered. Religious education under the direct control of the church can deal with particular aspects of faith. It can teach denominational tenets. It offers an opportunity for worship and service. But unless this teaching and religious activity is reinforced in the home and the school, the two great areas of childhood experience, religion is relegated to the sidelines in the child's general education.

"3. We believe that a free American public school system is indispensable to the maintenance and development of our democratic institutions, and we believe Christian people should acknowledge the debt we owe to public education. . . . We do not agree with those people who in the name of religion 'write off' the public schools as 'godless' and who condemn them for their 'pagan spirit.' At the same time we take issue with those who maintain that the schools must become completely secular and who encourage that secularism. We could not look with equanimity upon a deliberate attempt or an unconscious tendency to eliminate from the schools of the nation the faith in God held by the overwhelming majority of our American citizens. We must resist any tendency to have the schools display a lofty neutrality between religion and non-religion alike as if there were nothing to choose between the two philosophies of life.

"These convictions are based squarely upon a belief in God as the Source of all spiritual values and material goods, the Determiner of the destinies of nations, and the loving Father of mankind. . . .

"We expect that our schools will expose our children to this point of view. We go further in our expectations. As far as the school can, in view of the religious diversity of our people, judicial opinions, and our American traditions, we expect it to teach this common religious tradition as the only adequate basis for the life of the school and the personal

Friends of W. C. C. Will Hear Mackie, Chakko on Dec. 12

The Friends of the World Council of Churches will hold their annual meeting on December 12 at Christ Church, New York, from 11:00 to 3:00.

Honorable Charles P. Taft, the chairman, will preside.

There will be two addresses by members of the staff of the World Council of Churches in Geneva:

"An East Indian Views the World Council of Churches" Miss Sarah Chakko of India, President of Isabella Thoburn College in Lucknow (on leave).

"How Europe's Relief Needs Are Being Met" Dr. Robert Mackie of Scotland, associate secretary of the World Council of Churches, in charge of the department of inter-church aid and service to refugees.

Luncheon will be served at one o'clock for \$1.50. Reservations must be made in advance at the World Council office, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

The meeting is an open one and anyone interested is welcome.

CWS SHIPMENTS

Church World Service, relief and reconstruction agency of the Protestant and Eastern Orthodox communions, has shipped tons of food and clothing thus far this year to Asia, Africa, Europe and other places. It included: 1,984,770 pounds of clothing, shoes and bedding valued at \$1,982,175, 7,701,784 pounds of food and vitamins valued at \$814,999, and miscellaneous materials weighing 45 pounds, valued at \$81.00. The total was 10,365,881 pounds, valued at \$3,050,290.

lives of teachers, students and citizens in a free and responsible democracy."

The chairman of the committee which drafted the statement was Dr. George T. Peters, minister of First Presbyterian Church, Germantown.

A booklet developing the viewpoint of the statement has been prepared by the Philadelphia Council of Churches and is available through its office, 1421 Arch Street, Philadelphia 2, Pa.

What Do You Know About the National Council of Churches?

Growing interest is being shown, as the day nears for the Constituting Convention in Cleveland, in the National Council of the Churches of Christ in America. In an effort to answer some of the many questions the National Council's Planning Committee has issued the following:

Q. What is the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.?

A. The National Council, when it is formed this November, will be a new and significant organization for Christian cooperation in the United States, involving a merger of eight national interdenominational service agencies which now operate separately.

Q. What are these eight agencies?

A. They are: Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, Foreign Missions Conference of North America, Home Missions Council of North America, International Council of Religious Education, Missionary Education Movement of the U. S. and Canada, National Protestant Council on Higher Education, United Council of Church Women, and United Stewardship Council.

Q. Does this mean these separate agencies will cease to function?

A. Yes; they will no longer be operated as separate agencies. (In certain cases, corporate structures will be preserved for legal purposes, such as trust funds and bequests.)

Q. How many churches will sponsor this new organization?

A. Twenty-nine church bodies — twenty-five Protestant and four Eastern Orthodox communions — will constitute the National Council.

Q. Does this proposal involve the merger of denominations?

A. No; this plan calls for the uniting of interdenominational agencies, not a merger of denominations. The proposal is for cooperation, not organic union of denominations.

Q. Is this a new idea in Protestantism?

A. The National Council may be considered the culmination of a trend towards Christian cooperation which has been growing steadily during the past century.

Q. What is the origin of the National Council plan?

A. A conference held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, in December, 1941, attended by approximately 25 representatives from each of the eight agencies, unanimously recommended "the creation of a single corporate agency to succeed all of the existing councils."

Q. Who will determine the policies of the National Council?

A. The constituent churches through their own representatives on the Council and its executive committee.

Q. What are the advantages?

A. The National Council is:
(a) an essential step in creating an integrated cooperative movement for the service of the churches.
(b) a recognition of the essential interrelatedness of the functions and interests of these agencies.
(c) a practical measure for increased efficiency in operation.
(d) a dramatic and convincing demonstration of the churches' desire for united action.

Q. Will this plan mean greater efficiency and economy in cooperative Christian work?

A. Careful coordination and the elimination of duplicating effort will certainly result in greater efficiency. Economies made at some points will permit expansion of program at others.

Q. When will the National Council be formed?

A. November 28-December 1, 1950, at a Constituting Convention in Cleveland, Ohio.

Q. Who will launch it?

A. When the constitution has been formally adopted by 600 official delegates of the 29 communions, the National Council will be officially launched.

Q. Who will attend the Constituting Convention?

A. In addition to official representatives and alternates of the denominations, numbering approximately 1,200, it is expected that some 5,000 or more visiting delegates from every state will attend the convention.

Q. What will be the total membership of the churches in the National Council?

A. It will exceed 31,000,000.

Q. Are more than the original 29 denominations embraced by some of the consolidating interdenominational agencies?

A. Yes. The constitution provides that a denomination may join either the National Council or a division. Many denominations will maintain their relationship with the division that carries on the program of the particular agency with which they have been identified, such as the divisions of Christian education, foreign missions, home missions, etc.

Q. Are Canadian churches included?

A. They will not be members of the Council as such, but many Canadian churches will have membership in the various divisions or departments. The Canadian churches have formed their own Canadian Council of Churches, and there will be complete cooperation between that Council and the new National Council in the U. S. A.

Q. Are local churches members of the National Council?

A. Local churches are represented through their own denomination. Denominations in the National Council embrace more than 150,000 local churches.

Q. How will local churches formally recognize the National Council after its formation?

A. On December 3, 1950, the first Sunday following the Constituting Convention, Services of Rededication are planned in churches across the land to give thanks for the spiritual advance signified by the National Council.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL COOPERATION STRESSED AT DETROIT CONFERENCE



Detroit Leaders of Planning Conference (left to right) Ernest L. Hunts, Dr. J. Quinter Miller, associate general secretary, Federal Council of Churches; Dr. Chester McPheeeters, president, Detroit Council of Churches; Dr. G. Merrill Lenox, executive secretary, Detroit Council of Churches; Rev. Emil Kontz, pastor of First Baptist Church, Birmingham, Mich., host to the conference.

LAST spring the Detroit Council of Churches held a planning conference. Planning conferences are not new, but this one was notable for its inclusiveness and its unhurried character. Dr. G. Merrill Lenox, executive secretary of the council, heartily recommends such a conference to communities which have not yet tried one.

On a Saturday, 125 leaders assembled at the First Baptist Church in Birmingham, a Detroit suburb. They included the council's officers and staff members, chairmen of all departments and committees, executive heads of the constituent denominations and other key laymen and clergy. The entire afternoon and evening were given to a leisurely consideration of Detroit's ecumenical responsibilities.

Addresses by Dr. J. Quinter Miller, an associate general secretary of the Federal Council of Churches, served as the basis of discussion for the two sessions. Dr. Miller had been informed beforehand of some of the Detroit council's aspirations for the future and was able to bring to the group his knowledge of the ecumenical activities of hundreds of local communities.

"Ecumenicity demands more than lip service," Dr. Miller declared. "It must have heart loyalty or it will not measure up to the challenge of the times." He asked the leaders to

think of the church council program, not as a marginal or "outside" cause, but as an integral part of their own denominational programs. He explained that, in some areas of service, the denominational approach can best meet Kingdom needs, but that in others only interdenominational strategy can accomplish best results. Some of the areas in which councils are the normal channels through which to work are: comity plans, general mass meetings and other movements which involve the whole community, radio, leadership education, and social action.

Dr. Miller explained how a local church can calculate its fair share of the financial support of the local council of churches. He also appealed for a timing and coordination of future program plans on the part of the various denominations so that, in so far as possible, they might be doing the same things at the same time. If such coordination can become a reality, Dr. Miller explained, Protestantism could make a much deeper impact upon community life. "No city," he said, "has yet done this on a large scale. Why can't Detroit be first?" To discuss his challenge, top officials of the 24 denominations comprising the council will meet at Parishfield Episcopal Retreat Center, near Brighton, Michigan, in the near future.

In discussing the advantages of the annual all-council planning confer-

33-Year Old Bulletin Ceases in December

The 33-year old FEDERAL COUNCIL BULLETIN will cease publication with the December issue. After the National Council is constituted, the Bulletin will be superseded by the general periodical of the National Council. Its editorial policies will be determined by a committee appointed by the general board. The magazine, a name for which has not been chosen, will be published for the National Council by the central department of public relations. It will be the official publication of the National Council and, while primarily devoted to recounting the policies and program of the National Council and its divisions, departments, etc., is expected to embrace the news of cooperative Christianity, international, national, state and local.

The first issue of the National Council's general magazine will be the January issue, appearing on or about January 1. Much interest already has been displayed in the choice of the name. Inasmuch as it must be chosen this year, the planning committee asked the public relations committee to suggest a suitable one. Readers are invited to offer suggestions. The circulation lists of the FEDERAL COUNCIL BULLETIN will be turned over to the new national magazine.

EASTON COUNCIL FORMED

A Council of Protestant Churches was formed at Easton, Pa., at the end of September, with the announced purpose of serving the cooperative interests of Christianity in the community.

Specific areas of activity listed are: social and moral welfare, leadership training, Christian education, and interfaith relationships.

ence, Dr. Lenox, executive secretary of the council, said:

"Time is too limited around the luncheon table to give deserved consideration to the problems any federation of churches faces. Furthermore, at departmental meetings, those who attend see only the activities of their own phase of the total program. Every council needs to give leisurely consideration to its whole task at least once a year. Announce the date a year ahead, and keep announcing it frequently to make sure of clearance."

The Post-War Christian Advance in Japan

DR. H. H. McCONNELL WILL DIRECT NATIONWIDE VISITATION EVANGELISM

JAPAN, where an upsurge of interest in Christianity followed in the wake of the war, soon will carry on an evangelistic advance along lines that have been most effective in the United States in winning commitments for Christ and Christian living.

Dr. H. H. McConnell field secretary of the Federal Council's department of evangelism the past five years, will go to Japan to direct a visitation evangelism campaign and train hundreds of laymen and ministers to carry their witness for Christ



DR. H. H. McCONNELL

into the homes of their fellow countrymen. The visitation evangelism program that has been winning thousands to Christ in cities and towns across the United States during the United Evangelistic Advances will be conducted from Jan. 15 to March 1, followed by a preaching mission by Dr. E. Stanley Jones, famous Methodist evangelist soon to conclude his annual visit to America.

Dr. Jesse M. Bader, executive secretary of the Federal Council's department of evangelism, announced that Dr. McConnell had been invited to Japan by the National Christian Council of Japan.

Dr. McConnell, United Presby-

terian minister, has been granted a three-months leave on salary, and accompanied by Mrs. McConnell, also an active church worker, will leave in December. They will fly from San Francisco Dec. 11 to Japan and will return March 1.

The formal request came from the Inter-Board Committee for Christian Work in Japan.

The National Christian Council, sponsoring the evangelistic mission, will set up eight centers in the islands. In the month prior to the mission Dr. McConnell will visit the eight centers, briefing clergy and lay leaders on the methods and spiritual objectives of the visitation program. Ministers from surrounding towns will participate at these centers in workshops on evangelism. At night the ministers, each accompanied by a layman, will make house-to-house calls, so that they may return home prepared to conduct visitation evangelism programs in their own parishes.

"There is every indication," says Dr. McConnell, "that the doors are open wide for evangelism in Japan. The war left a spiritual vacuum. The emperor's renunciation of divinity had a profoundly disturbing effect upon the religious life of the Japanese people. It shook their faith in Shintoism and Buddhism. As the religion of the Occupation, Christianity gained a tremendous prestige. Overnight the Christian cause enjoyed government sanction, instead of government opposition.

"The effect of the sympathetic cooperation and support of the whole Christian movement by General MacArthur who has tremendous popularity with the Japanese people, is beyond measurement. Japan, all those close to the situation agree, offers the Christian Church one of its greatest evangelistic opportunities."

The growth of the laymen's movement, Dr. McConnell adds, offers one of the most encouraging aspects of the Christian picture in Japan. Christian laymen, since the war, have come forward to assume aggressive leadership in the life of the Church.

"The laymen's Movement has developed into a national organization with branches in 18 districts of the

United Church of Christ. More than 2,000 laymen attended the national convention last April. Much stress has been placed on vocational evangelism and there is an organized movement for each Christian to seek to win those in his own vocation for Christ and the Church. The Laymen's Movement joined with the National Christian Council in planning the program of visitation evangelism."

The Church of Christ in Japan was formed by the union of most of the Protestant communions and has 1,307 congregations and 133,057 members. The latest statistics on Christianity in Japan show there are 2,374 congregations and 324,734 members. They are primarily Protestant: 2,000 churches and 213,000 members.

"If the Laymen's Movement, already organized and eager to serve, can be trained in the methods of visitation evangelism," concludes Dr. McConnell, "the program can become the most effective force, as it has proved in the United States, to meet the evangelistic opportunity now offered in Japan."

Proposes Free Clinics in Oregon Labor Camps

Sanitary conditions in some farm labor camps in Oregon were sharply criticized recently by the executive of the Oregon Council of Churches, Rev. Gilbert B. Christian. The occasion was a hearing in Portland by the President's Commission on Migratory Labor.

Mr. Christian said that the six full-time social workers provided last year by the council had found government operation of the camps more desirable than operation by growers or groups of growers.

He proposed that the American Medical Association be asked to sponsor free clinics in the camps just as the churches sponsor child care and other social services.

He also recommended provision to guarantee workers a minimum number of days of work in an area.

"Christian Christmas" Aided By the Greeting Card Industry

READERS of the *New York Herald Tribune* for Sunday, October 15, may have been surprised to see the column "State of Business" by Harvey D. Runner, given over to a discussion of the effect which the efforts of the churches are having on the sale of more Christian Christmas cards.

It is estimated that this year more than 1,500,000,000 Christmas cards will be exchanged. Five years ago, one card in every ten carried a religious message. The prediction of the publishers of greeting cards for this year is that one in five will carry a religious message. This increase is due largely to the rising tide of religious interest in America at this time.

Dr. Jesse M. Bader, executive secretary of the department of evangelism of the Federal Council, says that his department is urging members of the churches to purchase and send only Christian Christmas greet-

ing cards. Many forget the Christ of Christmas," he said. "Too often there is no room for Him whose birthday they celebrate. There are many greeting cards on the market every year. A Christian needs to be selective in his purchasing. Some of these cards have no Christmas meaning or message whatsoever. There is nothing about such cards that glorifies and exalts Him whose birthday it is."

The department has approached the publishers of greeting cards with the request that they make available more and better Christian Christmas cards. They have responded gladly to this suggestion, Dr. Bader says. They are more than ready to grant this request, provided there is a demand and a market for such cards.

Mr. Stephen Q. Shannon, director of the National Association of Greeting Card Publishers, says that this year the public has more than 3,000

AUDIO VISUAL PAMPHLET

Church school officers or pastors who have to wrestle with the problem of audio-visual equipment for the local church will be glad to know of a new pamphlet on the subject. It is entitled "A Reasonable Budget for Audio-Visuals." The author is Pearl Rosser, director of audio-visual and radio education for the International Council of Religious Education. The pamphlet may be secured for five cents from the International Council of Religious Education, 206 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago 4, Ill.

different religious Christmas card designs to choose from. This is double the selection they had six years ago. The interest in such greetings has grown sharply in the last three years —from 13 percent in 1948 to 19 percent in 1949, and probably 22 percent in 1950.

Dr. Bader expressed the hope that all pastors would call attention to this matter in their church bulletins and other periodicals between now and Christmas.

Foster New Editor Of ICRC Journal

The new editor of the *International Journal of Religious Education*, Dr. Virgil E. Foster of Grinnell, Iowa, will begin his work in November. Since 1948 Dr. Foster has been director of religious education for the Congregational Christian Conference of Iowa. He takes the place of Dr. Percy Hayward, who became editor emeritus in February.

Caligan New Executive Secretary of Miami Council

The new executive secretary of the Miami Council of Churches is Rev. James H. Caligan.

Mr. Caligan was pastor of St. John's Church in Miami for a time. Later, he did additional work at the Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va. He was a member of the committee, under Dr. Forrest C. Weir, which originally prepared the constitution for the Miami Council of Churches.



AT SEOUL, Korean capital U. S. Marines lay aside their rifles to take communion on capitol steps before a wooden table that served as an altar. The chaplain, a Protestant, is Lt. L. R. Phillips of Erie, Pa.

TECHNICAL TRAINING BRINGING RESULTS: BETTER RELIGIOUS RADIO

By MARJORIE HYER

AN INTENSIVE program of education and training in the techniques of religious broadcasting has begun to show results on the ether waves. At least that is the opinion shared by the judges in the 1950 Religious Program Awards competition held in conjunction with the Fifth Annual Religious Radio Workshop of the Protestant Radio Commission. And the judges should know, for they listened to more than a hundred programs of all types submitted by local religious broadcasters all over the nation.

"Never have we had submitted such a wide variety of programs," reports Rev. Harold Quigley, director of this year's workshop. "The entries showed that the local religious broadcasters are making imaginative use of the time and resources available to them in their communities." Entries were submitted in seven categories including Biography, Religious Education, The Church in Action, and Children's Programs, as well as the more traditional types of Worship, Sermons, and Religious News Programs.

The competition is held each year by the Protestant Radio Commission. Rev. Everett C. Parker, Commission director, comments: "The singling out of good religious broadcasting is important not only for the encouragement it gives to those groups or individuals who have not been content with relegating their radio ministry to a haphazard Morning Devotional, but it also helps to establish a norm for other groups to aim at. In the long run it helps raise the level of all religious broadcasting."

Any religious organization, church, council of churches, council of religious education, or other interdenominational agency, which broadcasts over a local station may enter the competition, held each August.

Winners of citations this year were:

Religious Education

First Award — Maine Council of Churches, for "The Hills," one of the series called "The Book of Books" on Station WCSH, 9 A.M., Sundays. Talk by Dr. Ronald Bridges. The Citation: "For the simplicity and radio quality of the talk. For the warmth of presentation, the conversational style and pointed illustrations."

Sermons

First Award — New Haven Council of Churches, for the Easter sermon entitled "The Right Hand of Power" by Prof. E. W. Muehl, given Easter Sunday, 2 P.M., over Station WELI. The Citation: "For a new approach to the Easter story, carrying a vivid message. For excellence and clarity of thought content."

Honorable Mention — Syracuse Council of Churches, for the series "Prayer for Today," featuring brief talks by Rev. Nicholas Titus of the Eastwood Baptist Church. Given 9:30 A.M., Sundays on WAGE. The Citation: "For a brief yet effective devotional message made significant in a half hour program featuring religious and semi-classical music."

Honorable Mention — Episcopal Diocese of Central New York for the Easter and Christmas Messages of Bishop Malcolm Endicott Peabody over Station WFBI (and others). The Citation: "For the simplicity and radio quality of the sermons."

Biography

Special Mention — Rev. Nevin E. Danner St. John's Radio Workshop, Milton, Pa., for the program "Displaced Persons," one of the series "People Talking to People," on Station WKOK. The Citation: "In recognition of featuring an interesting personality with real effect."

News

Honorable Mention — San Francisco Theological Seminary, for "Headlines Around the World," with the voice of Rev. Henry B. Adams, on Station KTIM. The Citation: "A good sense of the dramatic in dealing with religious news. A polished and effective presentation. A genuine feel for radio as a unique medium of communication."

Honorable Mention — New Haven Council of Churches, for "Religion at the News Desk," on Station WELI. The Citation: "Forthright statement of point of view. Competent handling of issues. Excellent framework used for courageous Christian prophetic analysis of events."

The Church in Action

First Award — Greater Miami Council of Churches, for "The Pastor's Study," with the voice of Rev. Robert B. Giffen. Nightly, 11:30 P.M. to 12:25 A.M. Monday through Saturday, over WIOD. The Citation: "For an unusual religious program presented at an unusual time attempting to meet the questions of listeners with interest and effect."

Honorable Mention — Sacramento Council of Churches for "Invitation to Church," over Station KFBK on Saturdays. The Citation: "For using an appropriate time to focus attention upon the values of the church in this age."

Religious Journalism Offered at Syracuse U.

Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y., is now offering a new graduate program in the school of journalism. It is designed to equip students for work on newspapers and magazines covering religious news, on publications issued by church groups, and in religious publicity offices. The course consists of 30 graduate hours with an optional thesis.

This new program is an expansion of the courses offered at Syracuse University last fall, at the request of the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature, to students entering foreign religious journalism.

Professor Roland E. Wolseley is in charge of the new program.

New Institute On Pastoral Relations

An institute on pastoral relations is being sponsored by the Worcester (Mass.) Council of Churches weekly during October and November at the Memorial Hospital.

Discussion topics include the following: family counseling; premarital and postmarital relationships; ministry to the sick in hospitals and homes; alcoholism; problems and opportunities with older people, and ministry to the dying and bereaved.

The program is in charge of the executive secretary of the council, Rev. Clement F. Hahn; its department of religion and health, and four hospital chaplains.

Worship and Devotions

First Award — Albany Federation of Churches and the Troy and Schenectady Council of Churches Rev. Harold Griffis. For "Brotherhood," a program in the series entitled "Hour of Worship," over Station WTRY, 11:05 A.M., Sundays. The Citation: "For originality in a program of worship. The earnest effort to present a different approach."

Honorable Mention — Rev. Wilbur F. Dierking, First Presbyterian Church, Mason City, Iowa. For a program of worship over Station KGLO, Sundays, 7:30 A.M. The Citation: "For a very worthy effort in the direction of better religious radio programming."

Special Mention — Philadelphia Council of Churches, for "Readings from the

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World Council Begins Industrial Study

A study of the relationship of Christianity to modern industrial society has been suggested to lay groups in 44 countries by the Study Department of the World Council of Churches.

An inquiry recently published by the Study Department says that "in modern society the divine purpose of work is distorted and the dignity of work is not respected." It also says that many Christians are themselves uncertain whether the Church has anything relevant to say about the meaning of work.

In the U.S.A. the study will be handled by a committee of 25 members under the leadership of Dr. John Oliver Nelson. Dr. Nelson recently resigned as executive secretary of the Federal Council's Commission on the Ministry to become professor of Christian vocation and director of religious field work in the Yale Divinity School. The committee was organized in New York on October 30.

In addition to reporting to the Study Department of the World Council, the committee of 25 will report to a meeting of laymen devoted to "The Meaning of Work" to be held in the U.S.A. in 1952. This will be one of a worldwide series of laymen's meetings called for by the Amsterdam Assembly. It will be sponsored jointly by the Federal Council of Churches and the Canadian Council of Churches, in cooperation with the Conference of U.S.A. Member Churches of the World Council.

The inquiry will stress "a thorough knowledge of the realities of industrial life." It will also emphasize the need for increasing "the sense of fairness and justice of the worker by giving him a real voice in the organization and direction of the work of the shop." It points out the need for study of industrial councils, labor-management committees and joint consultation in industry.

Particular reference is made to the volume "Work in Modern Society" by J. H. Oldham, formerly director of the Christian Frontier Movement. This book is published in the U.S.A. by Morehouse-Gorham, New York.

The World Council's inquiry, entitled "The Meaning of Work," is available at 5 cents from the World Council of Churches, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

Economic Week to Emphasize Application Of Christian Ideals to Economic Activity

"Once a year we call upon churches and church people to give concentrated emphasis to a subject most of us deal with personally at least once an hour throughout the rest of the year," said Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, chairman of the Council's Department of the Church and Economic Life, as he announced plans for the 1951 Church and Economic Life Week.

This period, during which local churches, church groups and councils of churches join in calling upon their members to study the "application of Christian principles and teaching to their own jobs and to the work life of the community and the nation," will be observed in 1951 from January 14 through January 20.

This is the third year that the Week, sponsored by the Federal Council's executive committee, has been observed throughout its constituent denominations and through state and local councils of churches.

With the cooperation of the religious press, radio stations as well as the churches, widespread attention is given during this period to denominational and interdenominational statements and to Biblical, theological and ethical teachings. These are related to the experiences of businessmen, labor leaders, farmers, co-operators, educators, housewives and professional and office workers who "must discover for themselves what is the right decision in an endless variety of concrete decisions" they make

daily in the process of earning a living.

In addition to numerous articles, press and radio references, the Department of the Church and Economic Life provides each year program and study materials adaptable for community, church or church group meetings, forums and discussion classes. The 1951 emphasis will be placed on bringing the report of the Detroit Conference on the Church and Economic Life and the recent statement of the Executive Committee on "A Christian Approach to Mounting Economic Pressures" to the attention of more and more local church people. Other program aids will include:

- A Worship Service in Recognition of the Relation of the Church to Economic Life
- A (one-meeting) Program for a Church or Church Group Based on the Detroit Conference Statement and Reports
- A Program Source Book, listing church publications, books, films and radio programs
- A folder on "Church and Economic Life Week in Church and Community" with further suggestions for programs and other methods of observance.

These publications will be available at low quantity rates from the Department of the Church and Economic Life 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

EDITOR EVALUATES CHURCH STUDY

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be useful to people who are not going to toil through the six published volumes of the study will be supercolossal. But if it is not done the thing will be no more than a set of books by and for scholars.

It will be that in any case. The people who are contributing to the study are all experts in their fields, and have been selected for that reason, and not for any sectarian or even Christian bias.

We are all more or less committed nowadays to the proposition that out of the combined observations of experts will come truth. Let's hope that in this case we won't be disappointed.

CHRISTIAN LIFE AND WORK

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Extension of program and service usually requires additional budgetary resources. That applies to these National Council units. There will be an extension of opportunities for service in the close collaboration with other units of the Council. But if the present Federal Council programs are to be actually extended they will need additional resources.

Those who have been associated with the Federal Council through the years and who may be privileged to work in the National Council will enter upon their new relationship with a conviction that the new structure will be a much more effective instrument for our churches than anything they have had in the past.

"The City Church" Features New York

Introducing its issue on New York, "the cathedral city of American commerce," *The City Church* says:

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The City Church will appear at least quarterly. The Special Birthday Issue, which came out in March, was a report of the Convocation on the City Church, held in Columbus in January. Following the June issue on New York from a church standpoint,

it is planned to have other issues devoted to other cities, especially those which have achieved exceptional success in the field of church cooperation.

The magazine is published by the Joint Commission on the Urban Church, which represents the Federal Council of Churches, the Home Missions Council and the International Council of Religious Education. The executive committee of the Joint Commission on the Urban Church consists of its officers, Rev. Lincoln B. Wadsworth, chairman; Rev. J. Henry Carpenter, recording secretary, and Rev. Ross W. Sanderson, executive secretary, and one executive of each of the sponsoring councils: Rev. John B. Ketcham of the ICRC, Rev. J. Quinter Miller, of the Federal Council, and Rev. I. George Nace, of the Home Missions Council.

Subscriptions to *The City Church*, at \$2.00 a year, should be sent to Room 36, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y. Club subscriptions for 10 or more copies to one address, may be taken out at \$1.00 per year.

NEW BOOKLET ISSUED ON CHURCH INSURANCE

"Notes on Church Insurance for Clergy and Lay Trustees" prepared by the Eastern Underwriters Committee of New York, is a booklet outlining phases of church insurance for the clergy and laymen charged with church administration. The foreword states: "While not designed as a technical treatise, it gives some practical answers to church insurance problems and aspects of conservation of life and property."

This booklet was prepared purely as a special service under the auspices of the Public Relations Committee of the Association.

The contents include: Values for Fire Insurance Purposes and Additional Coverages Normally Included in Fire Insurance Policies; What is Covered; Special Coverages such as pipe organs, stained glass windows, paintings, motion picture projectors, extra expense insurance; Extended Coverage; Churches in Course of Construction; Fire Insurance Rates; Coinsurance; Operation of Coinsurance; Term Policies; Concurrent Insurance; Workmen's Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance; Public Liability Insurance; Contingent Liability Insurance; Automobile Insurance; Boiler Insurance; Fire and Accident Prevention; Heating Systems; Chimneys and Flues; Electric Wiring; Lighting; Housekeeping; Accident Prevention.

Churches will find here a wealth of practical information bearing upon the whole field of church insurance, fire protection and the general safety. Churches may secure copies through local agents or insurance brokers.

U. N. MEMORANDA ISSUED

The two latest in the series of Memoranda on the work of the United Nations from the standpoint of Christian concern, are entitled "The Fifth Session of the General Assembly of the UN Gets Under Way" and "What Next in Korea? The General Assembly Acts for a United and Reconstructed Korea." Both memoranda were prepared by Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk, executive secretary of the Federal Council's Department of International Justice and Goodwill. The subscription price of these occasional memoranda is \$1.00 a year.

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Singular Service Award

Singular Service Award — Syracuse, N. Y. Station WHEN-TV. The Citation: "For singular service in recognizing the value of religion in television programming by making available WHEN's complete facilities for the training of religious leaders in this new medium of communication."

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MIAMI CHURCH SERIES POPULAR

The full-page stories on the churches of Miami, Fla., entitled "Rocks of God," have been more popular than any other Sunday feature in the *Miami Daily News*, the editors report.

The stories, which are 1,200 words long and illustrated, are written by Joseph Faus, a Florida newspaper man and author.

"FRIENDSHIP CHEST" LEAVES NEW YORK ON WORLD FLIGHT

A "World Friendship Treasure Chest" left La Guardia Field, New York, October 4 for a six-weeks global flight. It bore gifts from American boys and girls to children in London, Paris, Frankfurt, Geneva, Rome, Cairo, Athens and Bombay.

After the six weeks are up, the chest will return to the United States with exchange gifts from the children in the eight foreign cities to their American benefactors, who live in San Francisco, St. Louis, Dayton, O., Chicago, Indianapolis, Philadelphia, Trenton, N. J., and New York.

The sending of the chest is sponsored by the Committee on World Friendship among Children of Church World Service, which has been sending world friendship gifts abroad since 1945.

A logbook was included with the gift packages. In this book the children in each group were invited to write greetings and enclose pictures and letters. In this way correspondence is often started between the children at home and abroad.

WEEK OF PRAYER IN JANUARY

The Universal Week of Prayer will be observed January 7-14. The topics for the week are just off press and are now available to the churches. This is the 105th year for this fellowship in prayer among the churches around the world.

The Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council secured G. Curtis Jones, minister of the Seventh Street Christian Church of Richmond, Va., to write the series. The seven daily topics have been developed by Dr. Jones around the general theme, "A Fellowship Without Frontiers."

Churches Advertise World Communion

This year for the first time the churches of Buffalo, N. Y., joined in inserting an advertisement in the newspapers regarding World Communion.

Rev. Harlan M. Frost, executive secretary of the Council of Churches, said half-page advertisements appeared in Buffalo papers September 30. At the top is the chart of the time zones across the world, and at the bottom a symbolic picture of the various types of church spires grouped together. The advertisement is headed: "An Invitation to World-Wide Communion from Your Council of Churches, Sunday, October 1, 1950."

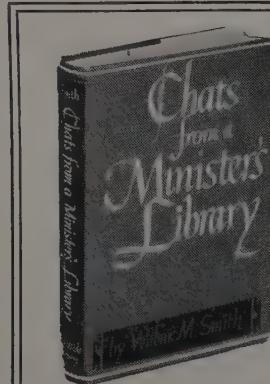
The text of the advertisement reads:

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CHRISTIAN BELIEF, Alec R. Vidler, Student Christian Movement Press, London, England	10s, 6d
POEMS OF JESUS THE CHRIST, Franklin Hoyt Miller, Exposition Press, New York, N. Y.	\$2.00
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MOSES AND OTHER BIBLICAL POEMS, Leon R. Meadows, Exposition Press, New York, N. Y.	\$2.00
PROTESTANT LEADERSHIP EDUCATION SCHOOLS, Floy S. Hyde, Bureau of Publications, Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York, N. Y.	\$3.00
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FROM THIS DAY FORWARD: THOUGHTS ABOUT A CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE, Kenneth J. Foreman, Outlook Publishers, Richmond, Va.	\$1.25
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THIS SAME JESUS, THE DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, J. Campbell Jeffries, Exposition Press, New York, N. Y.	\$3.00
RENDER TO GOD, J. Spencer Kennard, Jr., Oxford University Press, New York, N. Y.	\$3.00
MONK IN ARMOR, A NOVEL BASED ON THE LIFE OF MARTIN LUTHER, Gladys H. Barr, Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, New York, N. Y.	\$3.00

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Morning Chapel

WABD—Channel 5—9:45-10:00 a.m. EST. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

CHAPLAINS SUPPLIED FOR BOY SCOUT CAMPS

One of the notable summer projects of the Protestant Council of the City of New York was supplying four chaplains for the Ten Mile River Boy Scout Camps at Narrowsburg.

Sunday after Sunday most of the 1,200 Protestant boys at the camps attended the worship services and the bi-weekly services of Communion. They gathered flowers to beautify the chapel, cared for the hymnals, altar-cloths and communion-cups. They ushered, sang in the choir, played musical instruments and acted as deacons.

The chaplains conducted Bible study and prayer groups, comforted boys who were homesick or ill. They staged hikes, and organized "star-gazing groups," "cook-outs" and staff plays; told stories around the campfire and counselled staff members.

The chaplains started more than 200 boys on their work for the "God and Country Award."

The Council also provides chaplaincy service throughout the year for two camps which minister to about 5,000 Protestant Boy Scouts.

KIWANIS CLUB HONORS HOLMES

Harry N. Holmes, executive secretary of the Committee on Interchange of Speakers and Preachers between the Churches of Great Britain and the United States, was the guest of honor at the meeting of the Kiwanis Club of New York on October 4.

A glowing tribute was paid to Mr. Holmes, partly as a former president of the Kiwanis Club and partly as a worker for many years in the cause of international friendship through the churches. The main address was given by Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, minister of Christ Church, New York.

In behalf of the club, Rev. Allen E. Claxton of the Broadway Temple-Washington Heights Methodist Church, New York, presented a gift to Mr. Holmes.

GREGORY GENERAL SECRETARY

On September 15 John L. Gregory began his duties as general secretary of the Vermont Church Council, succeeding Stanley Hyde, who resigned in the spring. Mr. Gregory has served as director of the New Haven (Conn.) Council of Churches.

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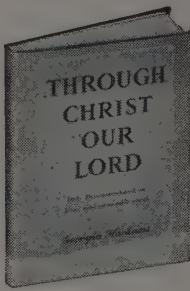
Under the title "Equality of Sacrifice"—the statement on "Christian Principles and Responsibilities Related to the Present Economic Situation" adopted by the Federal Council's Executive Committee on September 19 is available in pamphlet form. It may be obtained from the Department of the Church and Economic Life, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y., at five cents.

Dec. 31 Is Jubilee Sunday

"Mid-Century Jubilee Sunday" is a leaflet giving suggestions for the observance of December 31, 1950, the last day of the year, the last day of the first half of the twentieth century and the last day of the United Evangelistic Advance. It may be ordered from the Department of Evangelism, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y., at three cents a copy in any quantity.

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The project is sponsored jointly by the Department of Field Administration of the Federal Council of Churches, the Association of Council Secretaries, and the Boston University School of Theology. Council officers and staff, department and committee members, denominational administrators, pastors and theological students interested in the ecumenical movement are invited.

The school is being planned as the result of requests received by the Department of Research and Strategy of the Massachusetts Council of Churches for summer instruction in methods of church and community analysis. The program of the school, however, will not be limited to one field, but will include many aspects of the ecumenical task.

Rev. William J. Villaume of the Massachusetts Council is a member of the planning committee. He will welcome suggestions for the new enterprise. Those interested in attending the school should notify Mr. Villaume, 14 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Mass.

"Get Out Vote" Drive

The civic affairs commission of the Church Federation of Greater Chicago has asked pastors of 24 denominations to urge their members to vote in the November elections. The commission blames the indifference of the church voter for the alliance of crime and politics.

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A seminar for clergymen on ministering to the sick and aged has been sponsored by the Greater Springfield Council of Churches for the second year.

The lectures are given at the Springfield Hospital and continue for six Monday mornings. Last year so many from the fields of nursing and social service attended that this year's seminar is open to any lay persons who may wish to attend. At the conclusion of the lectures the clergymen dine together in the cafeteria and confer with members of the hospital staff who may be present.

Among the subjects discussed are: the crippled, cancer, obstetrics, child guidance, the aged and handicapped, the spiritual care of the dying, and principles of counseling.

Dr. Eugene Walker, superintendent of the hospital, and Rev. Russell Dewart, hospital chaplain for the Greater Springfield Council of Churches, arranged the program.

MOTTER ACCEPTS POSITION

Rev. Alton M. Motter, executive secretary of the St. Paul (Minn.) Council of Churches since 1946, has accepted the position of executive director of the Chicago Sunday Evening Club, founded in 1907 by Cliff-

ford W. Barnes, a former member of the Federal Council's advisory committee.

As secretary of the club, Mr. Motter succeeds Dr. Albert J. McCartney, long a member of the Federal Council's Executive Committee representing the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

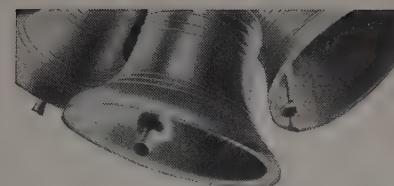
MISS WEIGAND HONORED

The Washington, D. C., Federation of Churches has given an award as "Layman of the Year" to a laywoman, Miss A. Barbara Weigand.

The citation was for "distinguished service rendered in the development of the moral and religious life of the city."

Miss Weigand, a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Washington, was the first woman vice-president of the Washington Federation of Churches and is now a member of its board of directors. She is president of the women's board of the National Lutheran Home in Washington, a member of the board of education of the United Lutheran Church in America, and has been an officer of the Washington Council of Church Women.

Miss Weigand is the second woman to receive the award since it was established 12 years ago.



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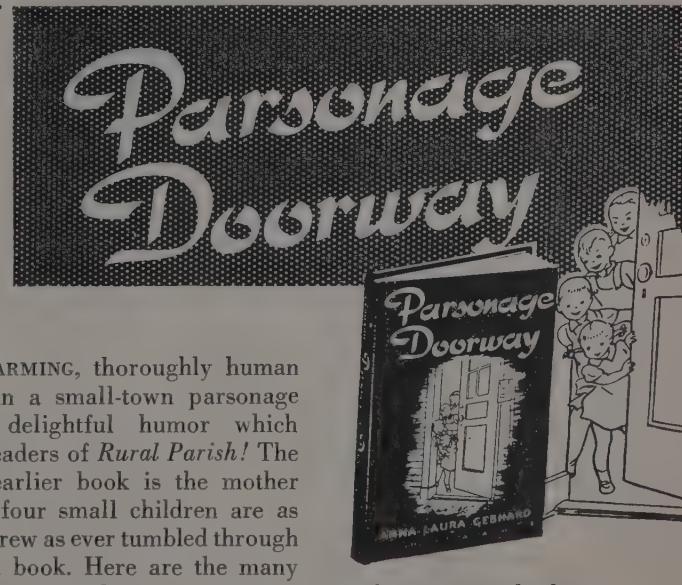
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"Love Thy Neighbor" Theme For World Community Day

"Love Thy Neighbor" is the theme for World Community Day, November 3.

The observance, which is sponsored by the United Council of Church Women, will emphasize assurances of jobs and homes for DPs still overseas and helping newcomers to adjust themselves to American life.

The number of DPs brought in by Protestant church groups has increased from a few each month last year to 2,000 a month in 1950, but one-third of the 341,000 refugees admissible under the DP Act are still in camps in Europe.

At the World Community Day celebrations in local communities DPs will be guests of honor. Socks, scarves, sweaters and mittens, knitted by churchwomen during the summer for elderly refugees overseas, will be collected on November 3 and will be shipped abroad through Church World Service.

The cash offerings received at

World Community Day services will be divided between aid to refugees in Europe and the Near and Far East, and the work for world peace which is being done by the United Council of Church Women.

Atlanta Army Induction Center Includes Minister

At the suggestion of Rev. Vernon S. Broyles, the Atlanta Christian Council plans to have a minister on hand daily from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the main Army Induction Center.

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Dr. F. Ernest Johnson, executive secretary of the department, warned that American Protestantism will be "swallowed up in a vast secular tide" unless unprecedented efforts are made by the churches to evaluate and understand the age in which they function.

Dr. Johnson pointed out that a generation ago it was comparatively easy for the churches to champion the

"underdog" and to fight the anti-labor policies of organized industry.

"But as equality of status is approached," he said, "the church becomes confused and uncertain as to its social principles. The church is sensitive to any shifting of the balance of power and it rightly fears a preponderance of power anywhere. But for the kind of social and political order in which great aggregations of power seem inevitable, the Protestant ethic has all too little guidance to give. In this respect, the Roman Catholic Church—rightly or wrongly—sees its way much more clearly than we do."

"More important in the long run than parish surveys, religious statistics or curriculum studies is the clarification of the church's witness in a world that is becoming steadily more involved in a revolution the end of which no one can see."

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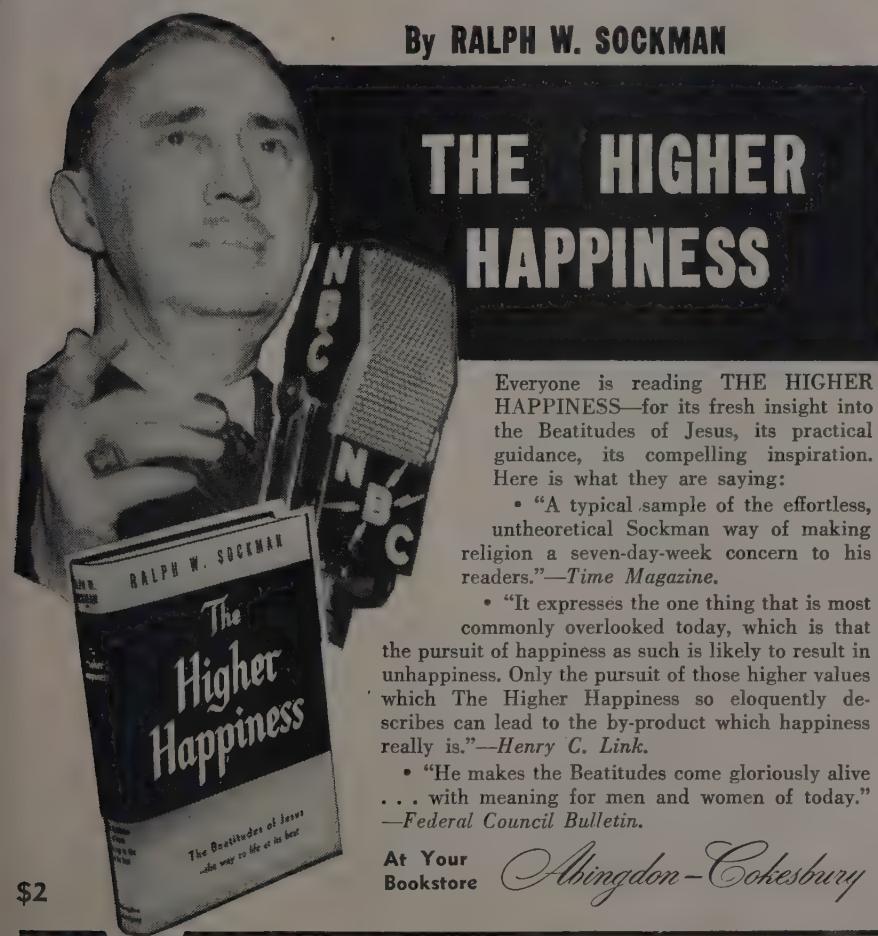
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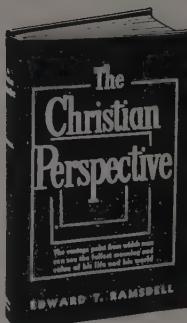


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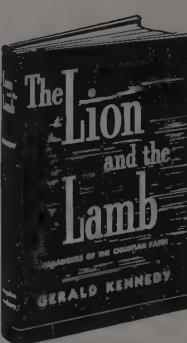
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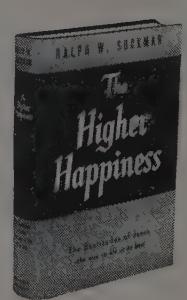
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As president of the Federal Council of Churches, Bishop John S. Stamm recently signed a statement asking the churches to cooperate fully with the religious ministry to America's Armed Forces.

The statement was presented to President Truman in the name of the President's Committee on Religion and Welfare in the Armed Forces by its chairman Mr. Frank L. Weil.

The other signers of the statement were Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York and Rabbi Bernard J. Bamberger, president of the Synagogue Council of America.

At the White House ceremony when the statement was presented to the President, Mr. Weil was accompanied by Rabbi Bamberger; by Bishop Charles W. Flint, chairman of the General Commission on Chaplains, representing Bishop Stamm, and by Bishop William R. Arnold, Roman Catholic military delegate to the Armed Forces, representing Cardinal Spellman.

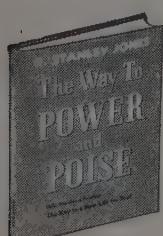
The statement read in part as follows: "If the men and women of this Armed Force are truly to defend our heritage and transmit it to the generations that follow, their spiritual welfare and their wellbeing must continue to be a constant concern to all of us while they are in the Armed Forces and away from the influences of their home, church and family."

Religious groups were asked to continue to provide chaplains "of high quality" and it was emphasized that "the ministry in the chaplaincy is on an equal footing with the ministry in the parish and congregation or in missionary work."

The statement urged local churches and synagogues to maintain their interest in members of their communities who enter military service, and those located near military installations were asked to keep up their ministry to service personnel and their families.

WATSON NEW ELGIN DIRECTOR

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The secretary will be Mrs. Azalea M. Stacke, formerly assistant in San Antonio.

CONSTITUTING CONVENTION

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central departments of the Council on Friday afternoon, as well as initial meetings of departments within divisions.

The general session for visiting delegates on Friday afternoon will hear addresses on "The Christian Witness in the National Life," Charles P. Taft presiding. Hon. Francis B. Sayre, delegate of the U.S. to the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations will speak on "The Witness of the Individual Christian," and Mrs. Douglas Horton, former president of Wellesley College and commander of the WAVES, will discuss "The Witness of the Church in Public Affairs." The Friday afternoon business session for voting delegates will continue the Friday morning session of the general assembly, with Dr. Marvin O. Sansbury, president, International Convention of Disciples of Christ, presiding.

The concluding session of the convention Friday evening will be a service of dedication. The ceremony of installation of officers in the National Council will be followed by the installation of the general board of the Council. Dr. Eugene C. Blake, minister, First Presbyterian Church, Pasadena, California, will preach a sermon on "The Cost of Discipleship," and other acts of worship will be led by Dr. Vere V. Loper, moderator, General Council of Congregational Christian Churches; Mrs. Harper Sibley, president of the United Council of Church Women; Dr. F. P. Stocker, president, Provincial Elders' Conference, Moravian Church; Very Rev. John Trutza, president, Episcopate's Council, Roumanian Orthodox Church of America; and Bishop William J. Walls, African M.E. Zion Church. The closing message, "This Nation Under God," will be given by the new president of the National Council.



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The historian's insight is matched by a captivating style which makes the book lively and entertaining. Professor Bainton is a skillful literary artist. He has a flair for picturesque language and an unusual gift for telling a story dramatically. Here is church history which is absorbingly interesting.

The book is especially successful in laying hold of the spiritual genius of Luther and in penetrating into those phases of his experience which made him one of the creative Christian personalities of the centuries. The central point is his intense preoccupation with his personal relation with God—a fact which made social and economic and political matters appear to him as relatively unimportant. His break with the ecclesiastical authorities was due to the same spiritual passion. He could not be

satisfied with second-hand religion—he must know for himself the forgiving love of God made directly available to him through Jesus Christ.

In the field of ethics Luther made his greatest contribution, according to Professor Bainton, by his insistence that for the Christian every man's vocation is his way of serving God. In keeping with this is the emphasis on what Luther did by his own marriage to alter the conception of the Christian life. He "founded the Protestant parsonage" and thereby gave the world a new pattern of "holy living." The home displaced the monastery as the training-ground of virtue and character.

Professor Bainton's book is both a complete biography and an historical interpretation of Luther's relation to the movements of thought in his time. The portrayal of the man is thoroughly objective, recognizing both his amazing gifts and his limitations. In appraising the continuing significance of the movement which took shape around him neither scholarly care nor sympathetic insight is lacking.

—S. M. C.

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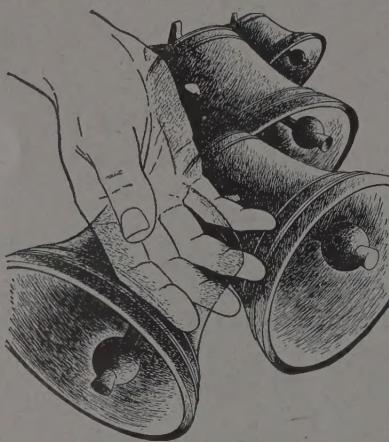
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The spiritual depth of fellowship between the German people and this religious leader who is an American Negro, is testimony that the Gospel of Christ transcends the walls of nationality, language and color.

—J. O. L.

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